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HYDROGRAPHIC BULLETIN

CHANNELS WITH PROJECT DEPTHS UNDER 25 FEET

A report of the depths available for navigation in the Federal Project Waterways of the Galveston District

★ Indicates changes from previous report

● Indicates dredging under contract

✪ Indicates changes from previous report and dredging under contract

Distances are in statute miles

Depths are based on Corps of Engineers mean low tide datum

NOTE: Miles are measured west of Harvey Lock, Louisiana, via the channel across Galveston Bay and channel from Aransas Bay to Corpus Christi Bay.

NOTE: Mileage's are measured west of Harvey Lock, Louisiana, via the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway and Houston Ship Channel to the usual take-off points on Houston Ship Channel.

The main route of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway traverses the following reaches of other waterways that are maintained under separate projects:

Waterway	Reach
Sabine - Neches Waterway	Sabine River to West Port Arthur
Port Isabel Channel	Port Isabel Turning Basin to Connecting Channels
Connecting Channel *	Port Isabel Channel to Brownsville Channel
Brownsville Channel	Connecting Channel* to Port Brownsville

* Channel connecting Port Isabel and Brownsville Channel called the East and West Wye's.

Critical reaches of the waterway. Interruptions to traffic may occur during rises in the Brazos River since it may not be practicable to operate the floodgates at this crossing during such periods. Some delays may occur at the Colorado River Locks while vessels are locked for passage across the river during rises. Experience thus far in operating the Brazos River Floodgates and the Colorado River Locks has indicated that shoaling during rises of short duration is usually negligible when the structures are kept closed and causes no interruptions to traffic. During major rises in the rivers; however, heavy shoaling may occur in the forebays of the structures; and at times, some dredging may be required before traffic can pass.

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SHALLOW DRAFT CHANNELS		Date of Survey	PROJECT DIMENSIONS Feet Width	Miles Length	Feet Depth		PROJECT CONDITIONS Left ¼ Channel (Feet)		Middle ½ Channel (Feet)		Right ¼ Channel (Feet)
GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY MAIN CHANNEL											
Sabine River - High Island		11/99	125	53.1	12		10.0		12.0		10.0
High Island - Galveston Bay	★	3/00	125	30.0	12	★	13.3	★	13.6	★	13.1
Across Galveston Bay		9/98	125	7.2	12		7.5		10.0		9.0
Alternate Route via Galv. Ch.(REOPENED)	★	4/00	125	10.3	12	★	10.0	★	10.5	★	8.9
Galveston Bay - Chocolate Bayou	★	4/00	125	19.0	12	★	15.3	★	16.8	★	12.9
Chocolate Bayou - Freeport Harbor		9/99	125	19.0	12		10.0		12.0		9.8
Freeport Harbor - Brazos River		6/99	125	5.9	12		15.0		16.0		14.0
Brazos River Crossing		1/00	125	0.7	12		13.9		14.7		13.6
Brazos River - San Bernard River	●	2/00	125	4.0	12		12.3		13.2		11.6
San Bernard River - Colorado River	★	4/00	125	35.6	12	★	10.5	★	11.5	★	9.2
Colorado River Crossing		8/99	125	1.0	12		12.0		16.0		13.0
Colorado River - Matagorda Bay (Mile 461.6 WHL)	★	5/00	125	20.1	12	★	7.0	★	8.4	★	6.4
Mile 461.6 - Port O'Connor		12/99	125	11.1	12		4.3		9.0		12.8
Port O'Connor - San Antonio Bay		3/99	125	19.0	12		8.0		10.0		7.0
Across San Antonio Bay		1/99	125-235	8.6	12		10.0		13.0		9.0
San Antonio Bay - Aransas Bay (Light 1)		2/99	125	10.4	12		8.0		11.0		12.0
Across Aransas Bay		1/99	125	13.8	12		14.0		14.0		14.0
Aransas Bay to Corpus Christi Ship Channel		2/98	125	14.4	12		7.0		10.0		7.0
Alternate Route via Lydia Ann Channel:											
Aransas Bay 49 to Light 83		2/99	125	7.9	12		10.0		13.0		11.0
Light 83 to Corpus Christi Ship Channel		10/98	125	3.8	12		12.0		12.0		11.0
Corpus Christi Ship Channel to S. Bird Island		2/99	125	25.2	12	③	3.0		10.5		10.0
S. Bird Island to Light 175		10/98	125	22.5	12		7.5		10.0		8.0
Light 175 - Banderia Island		10/98	125	21.6	12		12.0		12.0		11.0
Banderia Island - Channel to Port Mansfield		4/99	125	23.2	12		10.0		11.0		7.0
Channel to Port Mansfield-Arroyo Colorado		11/99	125	14.5	12		9.0		9.4		5.8
Arroyo Colorado - Port Brownsville		10/99	125	37.6	12		6.3		9.0		4.7

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GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY TRIBUTARY CHANNELS								
ADAMS BAYOU CHANNEL								
Channel		9/99	100	1.6	12	5.0	7.0	6.0
DOUBLE BAYOU								
4.1 Miles in Bay to Mouth of Bayou		10/96	125	4.1	7	0.5	4.0	2.0
Mouth of Bayou to 2 Miles above Mouth		8/99	100	2.0	7	6.1	6.9	4.9
COW BAYOU CHANNEL								
Channel		9/99	100	7.1	13	8.0	10.0	7.0
Orangefield Turning Basin		9/99	300	0.1	13	3.0	11.0	7.0
OFFATTS BAYOU CHANNEL								
Channel		10/99	125	2.2	12	⑤ 2.8	⑤ 2.7	⑤ 0.8
CHOCOLATE BAYOU CHANNEL								
Bay Channel		11/99	125	5.6	12	10.8	13.3	9.5
Land Cut		2/00	125	2.9	12	10.2	13.6	8.1
SAN BERNARD RIVER CHANNEL								
Mile 0 to Mile 0.5		5/99	1032-100	0.5	9	4.3	7.3	3.0
Mile 0.5 to Mile 3.75		5/99	100	3.3	9	8.5	9.5	6.7
Mile 3.75 to Mile 8.0		4/94	100	4.3	9	n/a	9.0	n/a
Mile 8.0 to Mile 20.5		4/94	100	12.5	9	n/a	9.0	n/a
Mile 20.5 to Mile 25.2		4/94	100	4.7	9	n/a	9.5	n/a
Mile 25.2 to Mile 26.0		4/94	100	0.8	9	n/a	9.0	n/a
MOUTH OF THE COLORADO RIVER								
Mile 0 (Gulf) to Mile 0.8	●	12/99	200	0.8	15	14.7	3.4	4.0
Mile 0.8 to Mile 2.5	●	12/99	100	1.7	12	8.7	1.3	11.1
Mile 2.5 to Mile 7.l1 (GIWW)	●	1/00	100	4.6	12	0.1	4.9	2.2

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COLORADO RIVER CHANNEL							
Mile 0 (GIWW) to Mile 2	⑦ 10/99	100	2.0	9	⑦ 7.4	⑦ 6.8	⑦ 4.9
Mile 2 to Mile 8	⑦ 9/99	100	6.0	9	⑦ 5.0	⑦ 6.9	⑦ 6.1
Mile 8 to Mile 13.5	⑦ 9/99	100	5.5	9	⑦ 2.1	⑦ 4.0	⑦ 1.6
Mile 13.5 to Mile 15.5	⑦ 9/99	100	2.0	9	⑦ 1.8	⑦ 4.2	⑦ 3.5
Turning Basin	⑦ 9/99	100	0.1	9	⑦ 11.3	⑦ 11.6	⑦ 11.1
CHANNEL TO PALACIOS							
Mile 0 (GIWW) to Light 40	1/99	125	10.0	12	16.0	16.0	16.0
Light 40 to City Basin	1/99	125	6.2	12	14.0	14.0	14.0
City Basin	1/99	150	0.1	12	14.0	14.0	14.0
Entrance Channel to Mun. Basin	1/99	400-130	0.1	12	13.0	13.0	13.0
Municipal Basin	1/99	240	0.2	12	14.0	14.0	14.0
CHANNEL TO PORT LAVACA AND RED BLUFF							
Port Lavaca Channel	2/99	125	4.1	12	7.0	8.0	6.0
Lynn Bayou Turning Basin	2/99	30-300	0.1	12	10.0	10.0	10.0
Port Lavaca Harbor of Refuge:							
Approach Channel	2/99	125	2.1	12	7.0	9.0	8.0
North-South Basin	2/99	300	0.3	12	9.0	11.0	10.0
East-West Basin	2/99	250	0.3	12	7.0	7.0	7.0
Extension to Red Bluff via Lavaca and Navidad Rivers:							
Mile 0 to Mile 6.5	2/99	100	6.5	6	3.0	3.5	1.5
Mile 6.5 to F.M. Rd. 616	10/98	100	13.7	6	4.0	4.0	4.0

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CHANNEL TO VICTORIA							
Mile 0 (GIWW) to Mile 11	10/98	100	11.0	9	9.0	11.0	11.0
Westerly connecting 'Y' channel	10/98	100	0.8	9	8.0	9.0	10.0
Mile 11 to Mile 14.0	10/98	100	3.0	9	11.0	11.0	11.0
Mile 14.0 to Mile 29	10/98	100	15.0	9	10.0	11.0	10.0
Mile 29 to Mile 34.7	10/98	100	5.7	9	11.0	11.0	11.0
Turning Basin	10/98	100-818	0.2	9	8.0	7.0	5.5
Connecting Channel to Seadrift	3/99	100	2.0	9	7.0	7.0	6.0
Seadrift Turning Basin	3/99	230	0.0	9	8.0	9.0	8.0
CHANNEL TO FULTON							
Channel	10/98	100	0.5	12	5.0	6.5	5.5
Turning Basin	10/98	200	0.2	12	6.0	7.0	5.5
CHANNEL TO ROCKPORT							
Channel	4/98	100	6.8	9	9.5	10.0	9.0
Harbor Basin	4/98	350	0.2	9	5.0	8.0	7.0
CHANNEL TO ARANSAS PASS							
Channel	2/99	125-175	6.1	14	12.0	13.0	11.0
Turning Basin	2/99	300	0.4	14	13.5	12.0	12.0
Connecting Channel	2/99	125	0.1	14	12.0	14.0	13.5
Conn Brown Harbor	2/99	50-510	0.4	14	12.0	12.0	12.0
CHANNEL TO PORT ARANSAS							
Channel	7/98	100	0.2	12	6.0	6.0	5.0
Turning Basin	7/98	200-400	0.2	12	9.0	9.0	9.0

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CHANNEL TO PORT MANSFIELD							
Entrance Channel	8/99	250	0.7	16	16.0	18.5	19.9
Mile 0.7 to Mile 1.3	8/99	100-300	0.6	14	15.2	15.4	16.5
Mile 1.3 to Mile 3	8/99	100	1.7	14	10.9	11.2	11.2
Mile 3 to Mile 6	8/99	100	3.0	14	8.7	10.2	14.4
Mile 6 to Main Channel (GIWW)	9/99	100	2.9	14	11.7	12.3	11.4
Entrance Curves	9/99	200	0.6	12	6.7	7.7	7.2
Main Channel to Turning Basin	9/99	125-200	0.9	14	11.6	12.5	12.1
Turning Basin	9/99	200-400	0.7	14	14.2	14.9	14.1
Shrimp Basin	9/99	350	0.3	12	11.5	12.1	12.3
CHANNEL TO PORT HARLINGEN							
Mile 0 to Mile 8	12/99	200-125	8.0	12	8.1	8.0	8.4
Mile 8 to Mile 20	1/00	125	12.0	12	7.9	10.6	7.9
Mile 20 to Mile 25.9	1/00	125	5.9	12	9.1	10.6	11.3
Turning Basin	1/00	400	0.1	12	3.5	11.0	9.3
SIDE CHANNELS AT PORT ISABEL							
60-foot channel	4/99	60	0.2	12	9.0	12.0	10.0
125-foot channel	4/99	125	1.1	12	10.0	11.0	10.0
PORT ISABEL SMALL BOAT HARBOR					**USABLE DIMENSIONS**		
Entrance Channel	4/99	75	1.5	9	9ft by 75 ft		
Harbor Channel	4/99	50	0.3	7	6ft by 50 ft		
Basin	4/99	50-500	0.3	6	8ft by 50-500ft		

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HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL, TRIBUTARY CHANNELS							
CEDAR BAYOU							
Houston Ship Channel to U.S. Steel Dock	10/99	100	5.5	11	7.0	8.0	⑧ 7.0
ATKINSON ISLAND							
Barge Mooring Basin	9/98	100-150	1.8	12	10.0	10.0	10.0
GREENS BAYOU CHANNEL							
First bend to Parker Brothers Slip	7/99	150-100	1.3	15	7.0	9.0	10.0
BRADY ISLAND CHANNEL					**Left ½**		**Right ½**
Upstream from Cypress Str. Bridge	7/99	50	0.3	10	13.0		11.0
Downstream from Cypress Str. Bridge	7/99	50	0.5	10	5.0		5.0
CHANNEL IN BUFFALO BAYOU							
Houston Turning Basin to 69th Street Bridge	1/00	60	0.8	10	3.0	6.0	6.0
69th Street Bridge to Lockwood Drive Bridge	1/00	60	1.5	10	9.0	8.0	8.0
Lockwood Drive Bridge to Jensen St.Bridge	1/00	60	1.7	10	5.0	2.0	2.0
Turkey Bend Channel	1/00	60	0.8	10	4.0	4.0	4.0
Jensen Street Bridge to Southern Pacific Dock	3/94	60	0.6	⑦ 9		10ft by 50ft	

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USABLE DEPTHS IN OTHER SMALL ACTIVE CHANNELS					**USABLE DIMENSIONS**		
CHANNEL TO PORT BOLIVAR	4/99	200	0.1	14	18.0 ft by 200 ft		
DICKINSON BAYOU							
Light 2 to Light 27	7/99	60	9.9	6	4.0 ft by 120 ft		
Light 27 to Highway 146 Bridge	8/76	60	1.5	6	7.0 ft by 80 ft		
CHANNEL TO LIBERTY							
Houston Ship Channel to Smith Point	1/00	150	6.4	9	5.0 ft by 150 ft		
Anahuac Channel	7/99	100	6.4	6.0	1.0 ft by 100 ft		
Anahuac Channel to Texas Gulf Sulphur Slip	2/94	100	11.3	6.0	4.5 ft at centerline		
Texas Gulf Sulphur Slip to Devers Canal	2/94	100	9.5	6	4.0 ft at centerline		
Devers Canal to South Liberty Oil Field	⑨ 7/95	100	12.2	6	10.0 ft by 150 ft		
South Liberty Oil Field to Cut Off Channel	⑨ 2/94	100	2.2	6	2.0 ft by 50 ft		
Cut Off Channel to Liberty	⑨ 2/94	100	3.1	6	+8.0 ft by 0 ft		
CLEAR CREEK AND CLEAR LAKE							
Entrance Channel	7/99	75	3.3	9	7 ft by 75 ft		
North Fork Channel	5/88	60	0.7	7	1.0 ft by 60 ft		
Clear Lake Channel	2/98	60	2.8	7	7.0 ft by 50 ft		
Clear Creek Channel	5/98		3.8		7.0 ft by 60 ft		
Five Mile Cut	9/98	125	1.9	12	9 ft by 125 ft		
Jewel Fulton Canal	9/98	100	0.9	12	17.0 ft by 100 ft		
Brownsville Fishing Boat Harbor							
Entrance Channel	4/99	100	0.1	15	14.0 ft by 100 ft		
Connecting Channel	4/99	265	0.2	15	13.0 ft by 265 ft		
West Basin	4/99	305-370	0.3	15	14 ft by 305 ft		
Middle Basin	4/99	305-370	0.2	15	13 ft by 305 ft		
East Basin	4/99	370	0.3	15	13.0 ft by 370 ft		

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NOTES:

① Not Used

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③ Controlling depth found at the intersection of the CCSC and the GIWW.

④ Not Used

⑤ Controlling depths in the West Wye are (4,4,4) and the East Wye are (6,8,7) (3-99)

⑥ Navigable channel found west of centerline. Caution advised. (4-98)

⑦ Controlling depths shown exist in natural channel alignment (THALWEG). Old surveys were reevaluated to reflect Thalweg conditions.

⑧ Controlling depth found approximately 800ft from entrance.

⑨ Normal river stage is 3ft above 0-mlt and should be added to depths shown.

⑩ Controlling depth found in the vicinity of the Barge mooring area.